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Serial No. 09/463,098

Filed May 15, 2000

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For: MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE REGION 1 OF THE  
E2GLYCOPROTEIN OF HCV AND USES THEREOF

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Independent Claims	* 2	-	*** 3 =	0 X	\$84	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$280 ****	=
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed May 3, 2002, Applicants request consideration of the amendments and remarks provided below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14, 17, 19-31, 39, 41, 42, 58, 60-62, 64-68, 70-78, 81-86 and 88-96 without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please amend the claims by replacing and adding claims as follows:

32. (Three Times Amended) A mixture of 108 different peptides, wherein each of said 108 different peptides comprises an amino acid sequence according to the following formula ("Formula II"; SEQ ID NO: 39):

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